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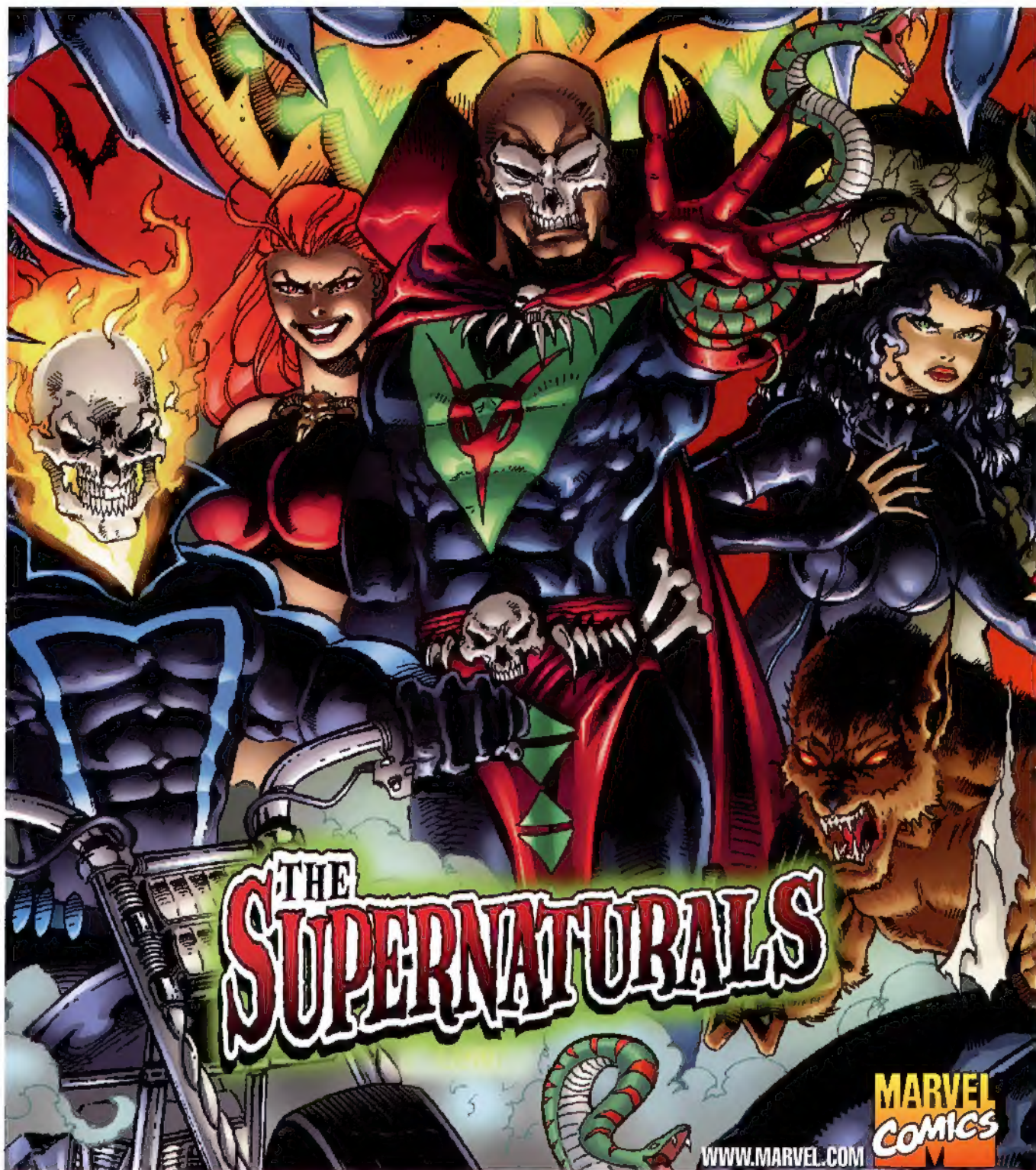
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Jingle bells in September?

Christmas, Chanukah and Quanza are probably the last things on your mind in September, but we're going to change all that! This month we're proud to present all of the goodies that the House Of Ideas is releasing in December! From BATTLEBOOKS to hard cover collections we've got it all, so let's break it down:

- Alan Davis begins his run in **X-MEN #85** — and he's brought Magneto along with him!

- The Marvel Knights gain an ally as the four-issue **DOCTOR STRANGE** limited series debuts! Needless to say, with *Starman's* Tony Harris (who we interview on page 14) at the helm, this won't be your poppa's Sorcerer Supreme!

- Speaking of Marvel Knights, **BLACK PANTHER's** own Mark Texeira pencils the four-part **MOON KNIGHT** limited series!

- John Romita Jr. unites his favorite heroes in **THOR #8** and **PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN #2!**

- Venom, Dr. Doom and the daughter of Wolverine strike as the heroes of **MC2** battle their parents' famous foes!

- The ever-popular X-Men climb into the ring as Storm, Gambit, Colossus and Rogue get their own **BATTLEBOOKS!**

- Front Facers will shout with joy when they get their hands on the hard cover edition of **MARVEL MASTERWORKS: SPIDER-MAN Vol. 1!**

- Old and new mutants alike celebrate the season with the **WOLVERINE WINTER SPECIAL** and the **GENERATION X HOLIDAY SPECIAL!**

- Alex Ross gives us a preview of the future in the **EARTH X SKETCHBOOK!**

- And last but not least, by popular demand, our cover boy **GAMBIT** launches his own ongoing series (And you can read all about it on page 8)!

And that's just the comics! Don't miss the new figures from Toy Biz, the great shirts from Graphitti Designs and the cool statues from Bowen Designs! Looks like it's going to be happy holidays for all!



Bill Rosemann

'Nuff Said!



Dear 'Nuff Sayers,

I read about your plans for a GAMBIT series three days ago and I'm still grinning like an imbecile. One of my wildest dreams is coming true! Thank you, thank you, thank you for bringing back the Cajun! You said that we, the readers, are the real power behind Marvel, so I'm going to suggest what I would like the new GAMBIT series to be like.

1. Gambit should have a few supporting characters. I suggest Rogue, Archangel and Psylocke (perhaps Iceman as well). It seems they'll drift away from the X-books anyway, so why not put interesting characters like these to good use?

2. Gambit could fight to win Rogue's love back, as well as Archangel's friendship. This could make for some exciting ongoing story lines.

3. Gambit could search for a way to help Rogue. And hey, Betsy seems to be going through quite the crisis, so maybe Gambit and Archangel could be forced to cooperate to find a cure for both their lady friends? Mr. Sinister and the Crimson Dawn both spring to mind.

4. Perhaps you could explore Gambit's past as well. I'm sure there are lots of stories just waiting to be told.

Anyway, I hope you'll at least consider my suggestions. I think Gambit is a fantastic character and it's high time he got his own monthly title. I promise to buy every single issue!

Until Gambit tries to give up smoking, Make Mine Marvel!

Gwen Kortsen
P.O. Box 3623 Bergen
Norway

We're glad you're excited about the ongoing GAMBIT series, Gwen! Will the wild card attempt to win back the heart of Rogue? Will Sinister once again make Remy an offer he can't refuse? Only time will tell. But in the meantime, turn to page eight and check out what Fabian Nicieza, Steve Skroce and company have up their sleeves!

Dear MARVEL,

I love your magazine (especially the interviews and news on upcoming issues) and look forward to reading it each month. Now I have a some questions and comments.

1. Whatever happened to the characters in the Ultraverse? Are there any plans to have them appear in the Marvel Universe?

2. Why is it that every character's homebase is New York City? This isn't fair! Why can't a hero or team ever come to Philadelphia or live in Philly? We're a great town, are we not?

Andre Lang
Philadelphia, PA

There are no plans afoot to bring back the characters of the Ultraverse, Andre, but we advise you to keep looking. You never know who's going to pop up in the Marvel Universe (and we wouldn't mind seeing Ghoul rise from the grave again). As for heroes in Philly, how

about your hometown pro wrestlers of ECW? Larger than life warriors such as "Bam Bam" Bigelow and Tommy Dreamer square off in the "City of Brotherly Love" each and every month!

Dear MARVEL,

I am a big time Marvel comics fan who wants a few questions answered. Well, maybe more than a few. Here goes:

1. What happened to the ELEKTRA series? I never got a chance to buy that title because it came and went so fast!

2. Was Peter Parker the original Spider-Man?

3. What happened to the comic book called WCW: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING? Marvel published it for a year and then Poof!, it was gone.

4. What is the exact release date for the all-new HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE? Will my local comic store carry it?

5. Will I be able to get this magazine (MARVEL) by mail? If so, how?

6. When will Spider-Man team with Spider-Girl?

7. Who is Bruce Banner going to fall in love with now that Marlo is married to Rick Jones and Betty is dead from gamma radiation poisoning?

8. Who put the bug in Tony Stark's office?

Well, there's my boatload of questions. Keep up the good work!

Bradlay Grover
(address withheld upon request)

We shook a Magic Eight Ball, and here's how it answered your questions:

1. ELEKTRA was canceled because you didn't read it, Brandon! Just kidding. Actually, she was done in by general low readership.

2. Peter Parker was indeed the first wall-crawler, but for a time his clone, Ben Reilly, also wore the webs. And in the upcoming AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #1 and PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN #1 someone other than Peter is again web-swinging through the city! Who is it? Read the books and find out for yourself!

3. The WCW comic got pinned for the three count in a "loser leave town" match!

4. Look for the all-new HANDBOOK sometime in 1999. And tell your local shop to carry it!

5. If we change the size of MARVEL, it could be available for subscription. We're currently investigating the possibility.

6. Peter and May Parker will unite — but only if you write in to the Spider titles and demand the team-up!

7. We have a hunch Bruce is in for some lonely nights.

8. Looks like Iron Man's arch-enemy, that no-good Mandarin, did the dirty deed!

Dear MARVEL,

As I left the comic store the other day and my wallet screamed for mercy, a thought occurred to me. Don't worry, I'm not going to ask why all comics are so

expensive these days. I know that paper doesn't come cheap.

However, I am going to ask why certain Marvel titles cost more than others. For example, the Spider-Man and X-Men manga titles from the Marvel Imports imprint. I think SPIDER-MAN: THE MANGA is great stuff, and I'm glad I finally have a chance to read it after all these years. I am intrigued by X-MEN: THE MANGA as well, but I choose not to read it because it costs a whole dollar more than a regular Marvel comic and it's on lower quality paper! Furthermore, it seems that limited series now cost 50 cents more than regular titles, but in the '80s they were the same price. What's the deal with this stuff?

I just thought I'd ask about this and let you know that I would probably be buying these extra books if they were priced like the rest of your titles. But as it is, I smell a rip-off and stay away. For the record, I could care less about paper quality as long as you keep costs down. Anything you can do to slash prices is fine with me!

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Many factors affect pricing, including production costs and creative salaries. It's a complicated issue, but thanks for voicing your opinion, Keith!

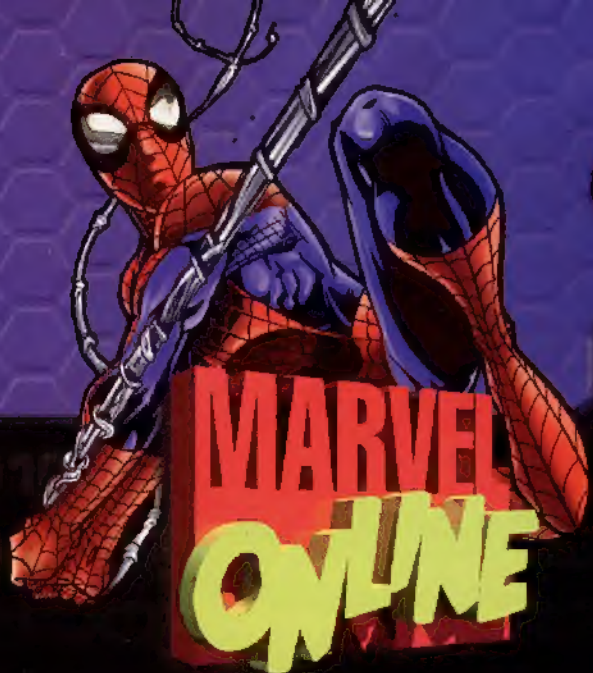
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BY GLENN HAIGHT



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IS BACK!**

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**JOHN ROMITA JR.
UNITES
THOR AND
SPIDER-MAN!**

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ENTER EARTH X

A year ago, it wasn't even a series ... it was just an idea. In EARTH X, a special 16-page sketchbook polybagged with Wizard #77, superstar comics artist Alex Ross gave readers a rare look into his head at designs and concepts for his own sprawling vision of the future of the Marvel Universe. When that sketchbook first appeared it wasn't even slated to be comic book — just the possibility of one. But the world must have liked what it saw, because 12 months later Ross's world is ready to explode into a monumental 14-issue limited-series to launch in January 1999 (Editor's Note: Look for full coverage of EARTH X in next month's MARVEL MAGAZINE). But for readers who can't wait that long, an updated and comprehensive advanced study of the series will be offered one month early in a brand-new EARTH X SKETCHBOOK.

Featuring 25 new Ross sketches, with more by the series' art-team Jean Paul Leon and Bill Reinhold, the preview will contain text and pictures by the whole creative team taking readers into the world of what could be the comic book event of 1999 ... and the year 2000.

Asked for a preview of the preview, series' co-writer Jim Krueger said, "My hope is that the SKETCHBOOK will not only give readers a behind the scenes experience, but also a sense what EARTH X is all about. You're going to get more of a sense of not only the characters, but the environment of EARTH X, and it'll work as a set-up of the major conflicts to come." **EARTH X SKETCHBOOK is on sale December 30.**

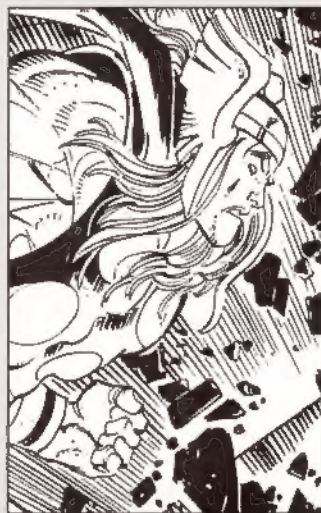
ROMITA JR. DRAWS TOGETHER THOR AND SPIDER-MAN

So what do you get when you cross PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN, with pencils by longtime fan favorite artist John Romita Jr., and THOR, with dynamic, epic-scaled artwork by the same artist? You get a one-month, two-part crossover with art by John Romita Jr., naturally. This stuff ain't brain surgery, folks...

The December meeting of the Marvel legends begins in THOR #8, written by Dan Jurgens, and concludes in PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN #2, written by Howard Mackie. "One of the Dark Gods who've recently popped up in THOR makes his way to Earth, and trouble ensues as both Thor and Spider-Man are drawn into conflict with him," said Thor editor Tom Brevoort. "I can't say too much more than that without revealing surprises in store for Spidey during his relaunch, but suffice it to say that it'll have hammer-swinging, web-slinging action aplenty. And it'll set in motion the series of events that'll propel the THOR series through the rest of the first year, at least."

Brevoort hopes the teaming of two very different super heroes will be as fun for readers as it was for the creators. "Spidey's such a down-to-earth 'ground-level' character, so it's neat to see him drawn into situations that are played out on such a grander scale than he's used to dealing with. Also, since one of the running themes Dan's been playing with in the THOR series is how the man on the street feels about the God of Thunder, putting together a story line in which Thor and Spider-Man — possibly the most human and 'ordinary' of the Marvel characters — allows us to bring yet another perspective on that question to the table."

THOR #8 and PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN #2 are both on sale in December.



BISHOP RETURNS TO FORM TEAM X 2000



Readers of the X-Men titles know there have been a lot of comings and going around the Mansion these days. Characters have been returning, exiting, and returning again to create a new status quo for the team. But though it all, one mutant, Bishop, has remained far from

home, off in deep space with his possible lady love. But the popular X-Man is ready to make his return in TEAM X 2000, a 48-page one shot by the creative team of Sean Ruffner and Kevin Lau that will finally bring the lost in space mutant back to Earth ... well, sort of.

"Trying to find a way back home from deep space, Bishop and Deathbird wind up jumping through a wormhole," explained editor Ruben Diaz. "And while they find their way to Earth, it's an alternate future Earth that has been conquered by the Shi'Ar Empire, and whose empress is the teenage daughter of Professor Xavier and Lilandra, who was raised on the teachings of Deathbird. Bishop finds his world has once again become a post-apocalyptic landscape, the very thing he was sent to the present to prevent. Feeling responsible for not being there the moment this all transpired, he finds himself again trying to come to terms with his failure to stop it."

Separated from the now-brainwashed Deathbird, Bishop gathers a team to save and deprogram her, and help the resistance force overthrow the empire. Making appearances in the special are alternate future versions of Wolverine, Cable, Longshot and Dazzler, while "winged" Marvel characters like the Angel, the Falcon, the Vulture and Sauron are also prominently featured. "Anyone with some sort of bird motif finds himself in favor with the Shi'Ar, who themselves descended from bird-like creatures," revealed Diaz. "Everyone else is relegated to Morlock status."

The story promises to focus on the relationship of Deathbird and Bishop and on their possible future, while answering the question of whether Bishop will return to the mainstream Marvel Universe.

TEAM X 2000 is on sale December 16th.



For a guy that goes by the name Gambit, Remy Lebeau hasn't exactly been blessed with a lot of luck in his life. With a past as checkered as a picnic blanket and current problems that make President Clinton's woes look like a Sunday in the park, most of the moves made by New Orleans' favorite mutant have resulted in an unhealthy dose of pain and suffering for a great many people (can you say Marauders?). But Gambit has also been blessed with an honor currently bestowed on only three members of Marvel's mutant universe: like Wolverine, Cable and X-Man he's the star of his own brand new monthly ongoing series.

With a couple of prodigal sons, ex-X-MEN and NEW WARRIORS writer Fabian Nicieza and former AMAZING SPIDER-MAN penciler Steve Skroce, returning to the Marvel fold to chronicle Gambit's solo adventures, readers can expect answers to a lot of old questions surrounding the ragin' Cajun and lots of new ones as well. But why Gambit, when there's a whole mansion full of mutants waiting to break out on their own? "I think that of all the X-Men characters, he's got the most unexplored meat on his bones," explained Nicieza. "Many X-characters had 'no life' - meaning no real 'monthly comic book story generating' past - before joining the team. Remy's packed a lot of living into his young life, so there's a lot of stuff worth exploring. He also has the most interesting status quo - thief, stealer of hearts, traitor to a cause he desperately wanted to be a part of, orphaned member of an ancient Guild of Thieves -

all of that stuff can just be very cool if handled right."

Skroce agrees. "Gambit right away was someone I was interested in working with because he's not bogged down with a tons of continuity, and he's not someone that everyone has a perfect idea of exactly how his history should be. He's still the mystery man of the X-Men. He has a cool backstory that hasn't been fleshed out that much. 'Ex-thief turned hero because of regrets over past sins' is a cool high concept. Out of all of Marvel's popular mainstream characters, I think he has the most potential."

"I think that of all the X-Men characters, he's got the most unexplored meat on his bones."

— Fabian Nicieza

A MULTI-LAYERED SOUL

Remy's potential is something the creators want to explore in earnest, with diverse stories ranging from humorous high adventure tales placing one of the world's premier thieves in perilous situations, to the intrigue of his background in the underground New Orleans Guilds, all the while keeping one foot in the mainstream X-Universe. Revealed Nicieza, "Part of the evolved status quo we'll be working on is that between UNCANNY X-MEN #350 and his return to the X-books, Remy has been put into a morally compromising situation which might require him to steal certain things for the perceived 'greater good' of mutantkind ... but it might not be for the greater good of the X-Men! So he'll be stuck between a rock and a hard place regarding his desire to be part of the X-Men and his need to keep a secret from them. Making it even more difficult is that he isn't totally sure that his actions are for the greater good and the new

REMINISCING GAMBIT

BY MICHAEL DORAN

mysterious background character - called the New Son - who is demanding of Remy's thieving skills, might not be any better than Sinister, Apocalypse or that ilk. Or he might very well be mutant and mankind's savior, we don't know yet. But we do know that Remy owes his life to him."

Though Nicieza sees Gambit as someone never straying too far from his home in Westchester NY - "He's an X-Man. He wants to be an X-Man. They're his only real friends and family, so that'll be an active part of his life. Many characters will pop up with frequency" - he and Skroce also promise a more in-depth look at Remy's other life, his relationship with the Guild. "Conceptually, all that stuff works really well," said Skroce.

"We'll learn about the subculture of the guild, how they live, what their infrastructure is ... and create a whole world for Gambit, sort of a Gambit universe." Added Nicieza, "Steve and I have a lot of ideas for how to flesh out more of the Guild world, 'streamline' and define it a bit and try to incorporate real history, folktales and Acadian myth and all the potential that brings."

BRING ON THE BAD GUYS

And of course there is no way the creative team will forget the "other" portion of Remy's rather spotty past ... "The Mutant Massacre, for better or worse, is a part of the character now and forevermore. We don't want to beat it to death, but it has to be a fundamental part of his make-up because it was made to be that way. That said, I think

there's plenty of room to explore certain individual relationships from those days, such as with specific members of the Marauders and eventually, even Sinister."

"We'll also develop a 'rogues' gallery' (no pun intended) of villains who will work as Gambit's bad guys. The arch-villain is an interesting proposition, because to come up with Lex Luthor, Dr. Doom or Red Skull, you have to create the antithesis of your main character - in Gambit's case, that means someone who abides and believes in truth, justice, law and order. Ironical, eh? Sounds

like a hero to me! Well, the character Steve and I think will work best will gradually fall into this role and his obsessiveness with those traits will be what

makes him go over the edge and become a villain. Steve also came up with some interesting new bad guys, including the Pig, a mutant who trains cannon fodder for the Hydras of the world and a man who also has ties to Gambit's youth, although the Pig's not even aware of it. We'll also see the Pig's hired guns, the Mengo Brothers. They're the sons of a disgraced Latverian guard who want to 'make their bones' with the underground set. In the first year we'll also see the Guilds, Belladonna, the Fenris twins and possibly even their father, Baron Strucker and the Howling Commandos. It'll be interesting to say the least."

BRINGING IT ALL INTO FOCUS

Visually, Skroce is looking forward to exercising some artistic freedom in more ways than one. "If there is

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— Steve Skroce



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one thing I want to do it is create environments and worlds for Gambit that you can't see anywhere else. The good thing about the character is it's real easy to come up with reasons for him to be jet-setting all over the place. If it were a movie, a lot of the stuff I want to draw would be so expensive, it would be impossible to film. Like motorcycle fights across super high rooftops, and impossible action like that."

Drawing a character like Gambit also gives this artist a longer lease than his former Marvel gig allowed. "If Spider-Man all of a sudden took a big bow staff and smashed some guy's teeth out, some editorial eyebrows might be raised. But Gambit can do that ... just so long as the blood isn't red."

Gambit's diverse past isn't the only thing that's going to get some definition. Nicieza also plans to bring some semblance of balance to the character's sometimes 'all over the map' Cajun accent. "I hope to God that I can find a way to minimize it, while still making it a part of his balloon pattern," said Nicieza. "The evolution of the accent was as much a surprise to me when I saw it on the printed page as anyone. I did my share of accentin', mon ami, but certainly not 'd'e point where it became a potpourri of dems an' doses. Soon enough, got so's we couldn't even dell whad he wazz sayeen', non? He's Pepe LePeau with marbles in his mouth! Cajun dialect is admittedly a tough one to get across, so I'll be happy to get any help I can on the subject. But unlike others before me, I don't consider renting 'The Big Easy' to be accurate source material."

And of course no Gambit series would be complete without at least touching on the subject that has divided the X-faithful for years - do

"You tell me, what do you do with these star-crossed lovers?"

— Fabian Nicieza

Remy and Rogue belong together once and for all? "I think the very things that made this relationship so popular are also the very things which have made it a bit of an albatross. The man who refuses love with the woman who can't be loved is a great doomed tragic romance. That being said, it's a great doomed tragic romance. Nothing short of 'love without physical consummation,' 'physical love with the potential to kill both partners,' or 'Rogue's power problems being cured' will ever advance the relationship. I doubt we'll ever do the third option, that means you're only left with the first two. Well, the second was technically done before the Age of Apocalypse and you saw the ramifications. The first, although noble in intentions, really makes for dull drama. So ... you tell me, what do you do with these star-crossed lovers?"

"Should they be together? Yes and no. Will they? That's very difficult to decide. Is that something we'll explore? I think it would be better to explore the renewal of their friendship before we worry about love or romance."

Romance, adventure, intrigue and tragedy aside, what really turns on Nicieza is simply the guy in the title role. "I think what's unique and cool about the series is what's inherently unique and cool about Gambit himself," said Nicieza. "He's a bad-good guy ... or on occasion, a good-bad guy ... he has very visual powers, a wonderful backstory and status quo, the ability to tell all kinds of stories in all kinds of places and he can have one foot in the mutant playground and the other in the 'mainstream' MU playground, and have fun in either one! Remy works just as well in a seedy biker bar as he does at an embassy party in Paris as he does - oh, let's say something totally wacky - like breaking into a certain Latverian castle while the owner is away in order to joyride on a time machine. He's sexy, charming, funny, a cad, sinister, capable of very cold acts and also easily capable of being a swashbuckling hero. How many other characters can encompass so many traits all the time without being split into a blue version and a red version?"

We'll let that go as a rhetorical question...



December is a joyful time, and for fans of the house that Xavier built, it's also going to be a time of new creators, fresh directions and special projects.

THE ARCH-ENEMY THAT STOLE CHRISTMAS

"In X-MEN #85, Magneto once again walks among us and goes around to normal people, picking some at random to represent humanity," says series' writer Joe Kelly. "He interviews them to see whether or not humanity is worth saving or if they are still to be objects of his scorn and vengeance. It's a more cerebral story, and it serves as a character study of Magneto that will establish just who he is these days and what he's thinking of doing, and by all indications, it's not good. It's our chance to remind people who Magneto is and why he's scary."

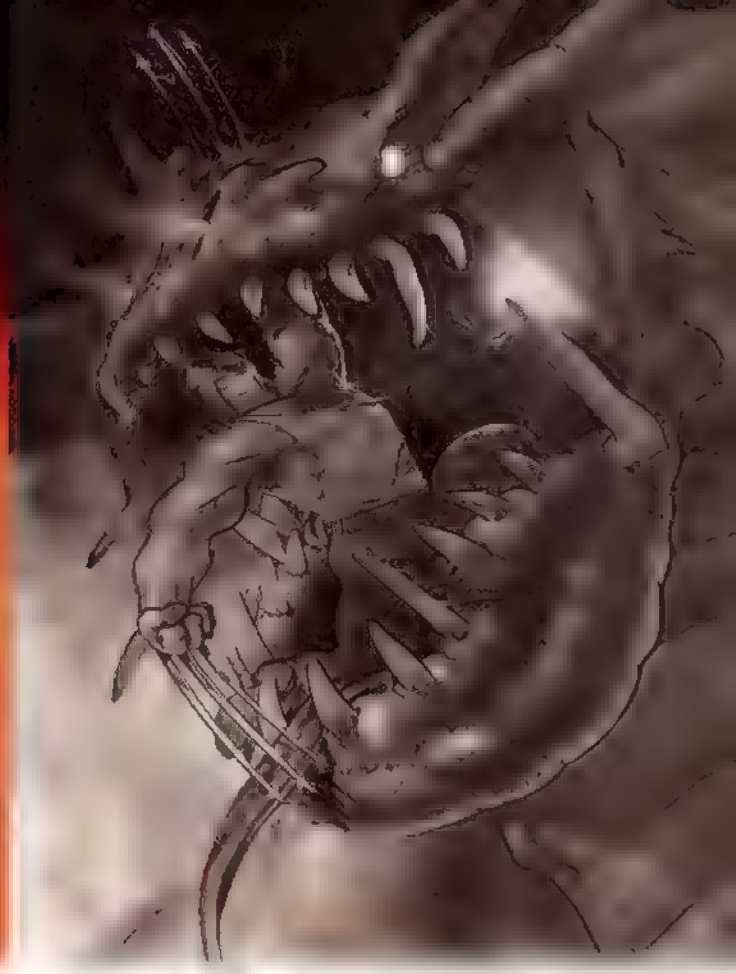
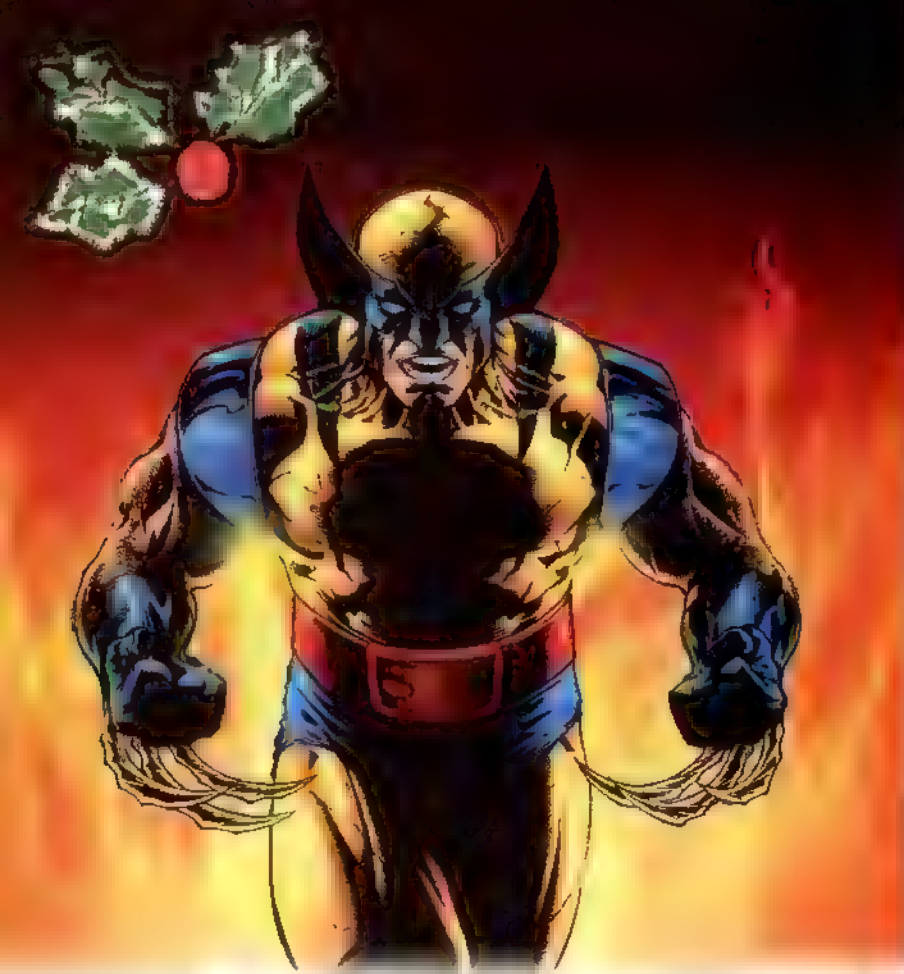
Rest assured, the X-Men will make an appearance as well, and unfortunately learn about Magneto's plans for the world.

Along with Magneto's return to world-class bad guy, X-MEN

#85 also marks artist extraordinaire Alan Davis's long-awaited return to the pages of the X-MEN for a six-issue run. Most recently acclaimed for his work on DC's *JLA: The Nail* limited series, which he wrote and penciled, Davis says there is no big mystery to his return to the X-Verse. "Chris [Claremont] asked me," David says sheepishly. "That's about all there was to it. Chris and I had a wonderful time when I worked on UNCANNY before, and of course, we had a great run on EXCALIBUR, so I figured that a return to the X-Men could be quite fun."

AT LAST ... ADAMANTIUM?

December is also a landmark of sorts for WOLVERINE. Beginning in issue #134, Erik Larsen and Jeff Matsuda sign on as WOLVERINE's regular creative team, and are promptly sending the li'l guy into space. Like many of these things, it all begins with an alien who can control minds. Except this one



gets a hold of Logan's noggin.

Possessed by the alien, Wolverine shows up in the streets of New York, spoiling for a fight. A virtual who's who of New York heroes come in to stop him, including Warbird, Black Cat, Black Widow, the Human Torch, Justice, Firestar, and a couple throwbacks to Larsen's days on Spider-Man, Cardiac and Solo.

In the end, only one man is left standing ... and he's short and feral. "The fights in #134 reassure the alien woman that Wolverine is the guy that she wants to go with her to this prison world so she can free all these aliens that are being held there against their will," says Larsen. "So at the end of the issue, she takes off to outer space with Logan in tow. In WOLVERINE #135, we get to the prison world and find out who's behind the whole thing and see Wolverine's first attempt at freeing all the prisoners as wackiness ensues."

While Larsen may have Wolverine fans scratching their heads at turning the Canucklehead into a space hero, Larsen's next major story line following the six-part space epic will have them dancing a jig. Y'see, it has to do with a certain metal with a name that starts with the letter "A". At long last, will Larsen give Canada's meanest export his adamantium back?

While Larsen has yet to plot out the "Return of" story, he knows that it's not going to be like any of the teaser returns Wolverine's seen so far. "Think about it — it would be really stupid if someone kidnapped Wolverine and put adamantium back in him," Larsen says. "Why make your enemy stronger? It wouldn't make any sense. The story will mostly center on who's got adamantium, how they've used it, and who would be best to be able to help him get it back. One way or the other, it's going to be a cool story."

BACK TO SCHOOL

Another X-book getting a facelift this

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— Joe Kelly on X-MEN #85

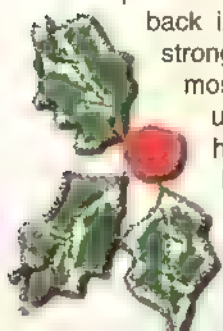
December is GENERATION X, with new writer Jay Faerber taking the reins. While Faerber assures Gen X fans he's not going to negate what departing writer Larry Hama established during his run on the book, he is going to take the book back to its basics. "We're getting back to the heart of the book, which is the school and training young mutants," Faerber says. "We're actually going to see them training again, and see them learn new things about their powers and about themselves, so expect some kind of power expansions. No one's going to be getting beefed up, but they're learning new ways to use their

powers, which is what they are there for, as well as better control over their powers as they currently stand."

Come GENERATION X #50, things are going to take a darker turn. "In #50, we shake things up a lot," Faerber says. "It's the big change issue which will set the kids off in a new direction, and also gets the kids firmly back to the school. Something happens with the school in #50 that has never been done with any of the schools in the X-books before, which will set up my run with how I'm going to handle the kids and their powers and the school, and how they deal with things."

But December is not completely ominous for the X-Teens. Joe Harris and Adam Pollina will send a streak of Christmas cheer through the X-Verse with the GENERATION X HOLIDAY SPECIAL called "Yes Jubilee, There is a Santa Claus." While the special will be in the spirit of Gen X's other classic Christmas back in issue #4, it will also star the villains of that issue, Nanny and Orphan-Maker.

After being bullied on Christmas Eve, a grade-school-aged mutant named Matthew decides to take matters into his own hands. "That night, Matthew stays up like most kids do, trying to wait for Santa Claus," Harris says. "The only thing is, Matthew finds Santa Claus, and he's not going to let him leave and get to other kids' houses. Even though Santa has his own powers,





MARVEL SPOTLIGHT: X-MEN X-MAS

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 • **WOLVERINE #134**

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 • **TEAM X 2000**
 • **X-MEN #85**

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 • **X-MEN UNIVERSE: PAST, PRESENT AND ... FUTURE?!**

he's kind of stuck, because the gist of Matthew's powers is he can compel other people to obey his wishes. Matthew figures that if he can keep Santa in his house, he can ruin Christmas for the kids that have ruined his life recently."

Enter Nanny and Orphan-Maker who have a rather evil tradition of making one child an orphan every Christmas, and a snow-bound Generation X, and you've got all the ingredients for Christmastime fun. "It's basically a Jubilee

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— Jay Faerber on GENERATION X

story," Harris says. "She's having a tough time, as many orphans do, at the holidays. This is already a sticky time of year for her, and she finds herself thrust into this situation where she has to set things right, as well as protect this kid from these whacked-out bad guys who want to make an orphan out of him, and despite all of that, try to have a merry Christmas."

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

There may be some things, however, that not even a future X-Man can do. The members of Generation X aren't the only mutants who will celebrate the holidays. Cable gets his own quiet little Christmas story in December's **CABLE #64**.

"A couple of months back, Cable promised Irene that he would sit down for a no-holds-barred interview, and she'd get to ask him the tough questions," **CABLE** writer Joe Casey says. "This is the issue where that actually happens, and we get to see Cable's life through his own eyes. We also get to see Irene's view of how he views it, so we're getting the first person account and the very humanistic account."

And if your stocking isn't stuffed yet, Santa's elves are hard at work on **TEAM X 2000**, the **WOLVERINE WINTER SPECIAL**, **BATTLEBOOKS** for Rogue, Storm, Colossus and Gambit, and a 1999 preview entitled **X-MEN UNIVERSE: PAST, PRESENT AND ... FUTURE?!** (All of which are fully detailed in the X-Men section, starting on page 30). So there you have it: the return of Magneto, the arrival of Alan Davis, Wolverine in space, a new writer for **GENERATION X** (not to mention their own Holiday Special) and the first-ever chronological telling of Cable's origin. Just think of it as your twelve days of X-books.



INTERVIEW

with Tony Harris

by Robert Piotrowski

STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND

Tony Harris doesn't like super heroes very much. Regardless, he's managed to become a well known comic creator through books such as *Starman*. And he'll prove it in December with the four-issue limited series which he co-wrote, penciled and painted covers for entitled *DOCTOR STRANGE*. But why does a guy

who isn't crazy about super powers want to co-write and draw a story about another guy who is the Earth's uncontested Sorcerer Supreme? The answer is actually quite simple: because, just like Harris, Stephen Strange has a very humble human side. And if you read on, we'll tell you all about it.

MARVEL MAGAZINE: How did the idea for *DOCTOR STRANGE* come about?

TONY HARRIS: I'd come up on the end of my run on *Starman* and was talking to (Jimmy) Palmiotti and (Joe) Quesada about doing something for them on Marvel Knights. When I mentioned to Joe that I didn't have an interior gig at the time, he asked me if there were any main characters at Marvel that I was interested in working on. So I went through the *MARVEL UNIVERSE* books and kept going back to the same guy, Stephen Strange. So I came up with a story idea with my studio partner Ray Snyder (*Starman*, *Green Lantern*) and we pitched that to my writing partner, Dan Jolley (*The Mummy*, *Obergiest*) Dan wrote it up into a great little story and we pitched that idea to Joe, and he got permission from Marvel to use Strange for the second wave in about two days. It was unbelievable.

MM: You're responsible for a lot of the work on this series. Is that 'good' pressure?

TH: Yes, because I'm a control freak (laughs). I didn't really become that way until after I did my run on *Starman*. Working on that was almost like working on a creator-owned property. The late Mr. Archie Goodwin really gave James and me the creative freedom to do what we wanted so I got used to that and loved it. So now the more control I have, the more I like it. That way, if it's wrong I don't have to worry about whose fault it is because it's mine.



MM: Out of all the characters in the Marvel Universe, what drew you to Doctor Strange?

TH: He had the human angle I was looking for and I always try to tap into that. Basically, Stephen Strange was a surgeon who had an accident that caused some neurological damage and he couldn't operate any more because his hands shook. So he started drinking and lost himself. Then he ended up studying magic with The Ancient One and became the Sorcerer Supreme. Since then, I think people have gotten away from that. I mean, he was a brilliant surgeon who had this accident that wrecked his life and then he turned into this magical guy and — Bam! — nobody talked about his hands anymore. There's a great story there!

Also, Strange's got that whole crazy horror, magic, occult, witchcraft element to him and I dig that stuff. To me, Doctor Strange is a wonderfully magical, mystical entity that I think is so underrated and underrealized. There's just immense potential for stories there. If I ever got into it in the right circumstances, I might even be tempted to do a monthly.

MM: What is DOCTOR STRANGE about?

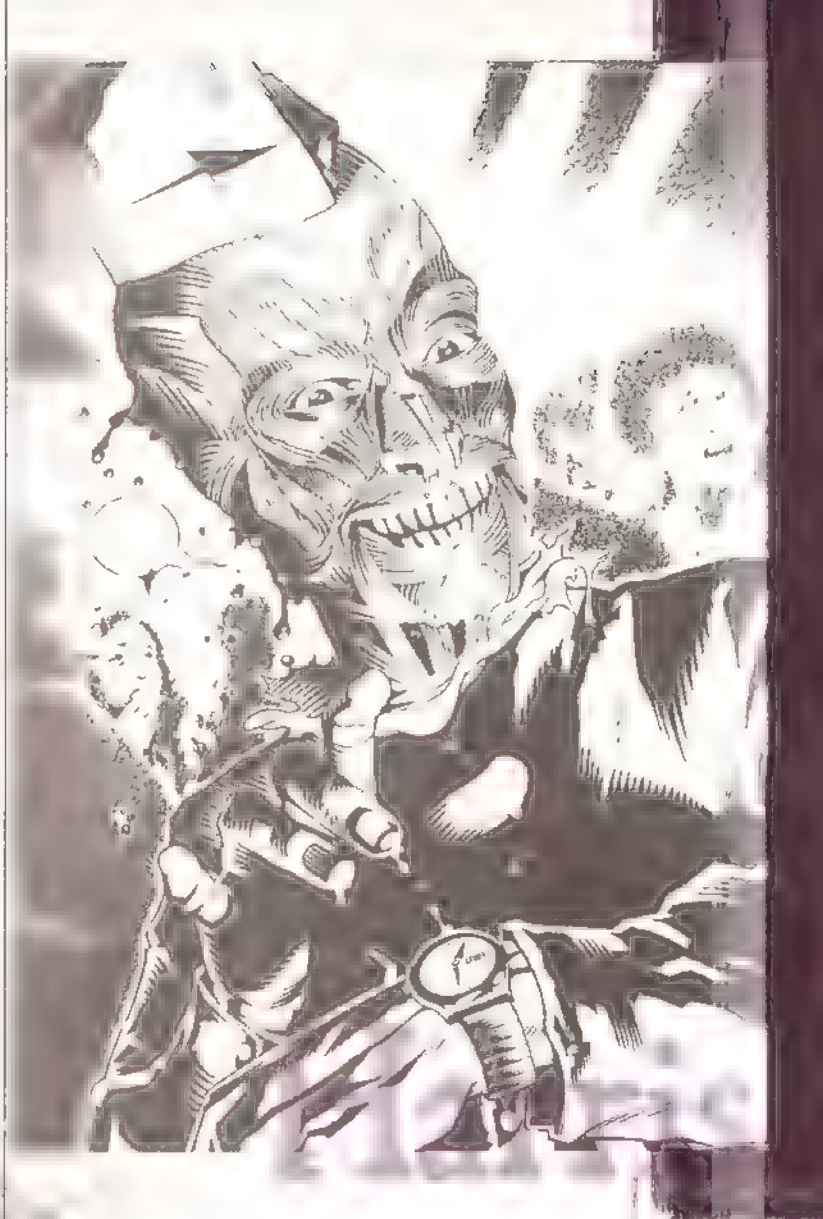
TH: The premise is that there is a freakish cult that's spreading like the plague through New York City and Topaz, an old Doctor Strange character, gets sucked into it. They plan on using her as bait to get to Stephen so that there's nothing standing in the way of their taking over the world. But there's a lot of layered stuff in there too. We're dealing with the friendship Stephen's got with a doctor friend, a young surgeon with personal problems whom he identifies with. Also, he's got this relationship with Topaz. Then we've got this old Marvel villain who's going to show his face eventually, but because of his neurological damage, Stephen's hands will be shaking so badly that he won't even be able to hold a sugar spoon.

The personal story of Stephen Strange is my favorite element of the whole thing. This is really not a story about Doctor Strange, this is a story about Stephen Strange and the stuff that he has to go through on a personal level. The super-hero stuff is all fine and well, but that's not what I'm really interested in. I'm more interested in telling a really human story. Strange actually spends a lot of time in a three piece suit and a fedora with the Eye of Agamotto on a watch chain stuffed in a vest pocket.

MM: It's rather ironic that as a comic book artist, you're more interested in the human side of characters than their super powers.

TH: I think that's what people are crying out for. This medium is saturated with the same old stuff. If you take a long hard look at the new stuff your comic store, you'll find that there isn't much diversity there unless you're looking at the indies. And although I'm working in the mainstream, I think I have an indie mindset.

MM: Tell me about the changes you made to Stephen's costume.



TH: We added a lot more black. His gloves and shirt are black and the symbol on the front looks more like a demon; instead of two eyes it has one which kind of echoes the Eye of Agamotto. His costume kind of alters as his magic intensifies. The cape's the same but we got rid of the moustache and gave him a goatee that comes to a point. I think that's more distinguished and more professor-like. Doctor Strange has that kind of effect on me. And I think these changes fit the story.

MM: What about the horror element you mentioned earlier. Where does that show up?

TH: There's a lot of creepy, creepy stuff in here. I mean, little demon babies with horns three times the size of their heads riding egrets who carry these necklaces that make you theirs if they get one on you. There's lots of crazy stuff like that.

MM: Anything else you want readers to know about DOCTOR STRANGE?

TH: Since it's a limited series, readers are going to see an even higher level of design and detail because I can put twice the amount of time into every page. So readers can look for the ante to be upped a little bit as far as the quality is concerned.

DOCTOR STRANGE #1 is on sale December 16th.



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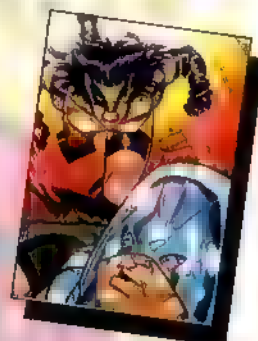


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The new kids on the block fight their folks' foes!

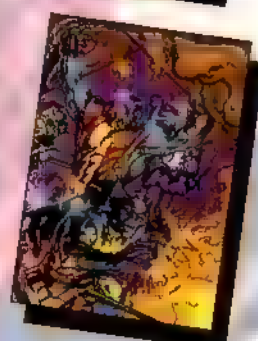


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Alex Ross gives you a sneak peek at the upcoming limited series!

X-MEN #85

Alan Davis! Magneto! 'Nuff said!



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Wade Wilson: savior of the universe or history's greatest loser?

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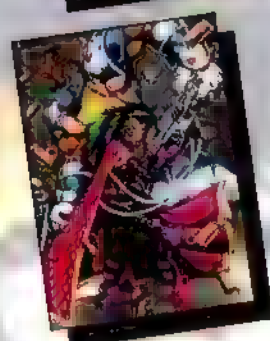


DR. STRANGE #1

Stephen Strange gets Knighted by Tony Harris!

GENERATION X HOLIDAY SPECIAL

This really is an X-Mas!



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The return of Bishop!

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Doug Moench and Mark Texeira unleash the midnight warrior!





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TOM DEFALCO/RON FRENZ/BRETT BREEDING

Doctor Doom appears in the MC2 Universe for the first time — but is he the same man we remember? In A-NEXT #3, we briefly mentioned a war between Namor and a certain diabolical dictator that left Latveria in ruins. Now we learn a little more about this terrible tragedy as Stinger, along with American Dream and her Dream Team (Freebooter, Crimson Curse and Bluestreak), journey to Latveria to investigate and battle the recently resurrected Doctor Doom! Meanwhile, Thunderstrike and J2 do some male bonding as only the Earth's Mightiest Heroes can! Plus: quick cameos by John Storm, Ben Grimm and S.H.I.E.L.D. — all in one self-contained issue!

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Look out, here comes Wild Thing — the daughter of Wolverine! Desperate to prove herself to her mother and father, the daughter of Wolverine goes after one of her dad's greatest enemies: the invincible Juggernaut ... well, not quite! She actually ends up fighting the not-so-unstoppable J2! But the stakes are different this time because Zane Yama goes berserk when the Wild Thing accidentally injures his mom! So who is Logan's wife? Here's a hint: she's someone he's often been spotted with! And in a comic book first, a super hero studies the destruction caused by a recent battle (as shown in our lead story), as J2 sees the effects his actions have upon average citizens. Plus: cameos by Mainframe, Thunderstrike and Stinger! Will Wild Thing spin off into her own title? Check her out as J2 offers two stories for the price of one!

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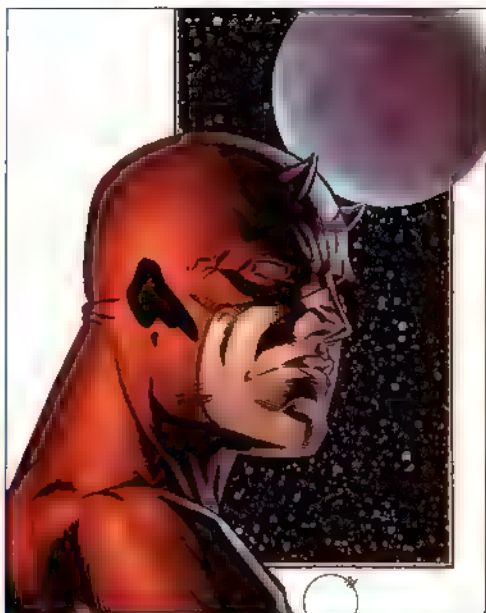
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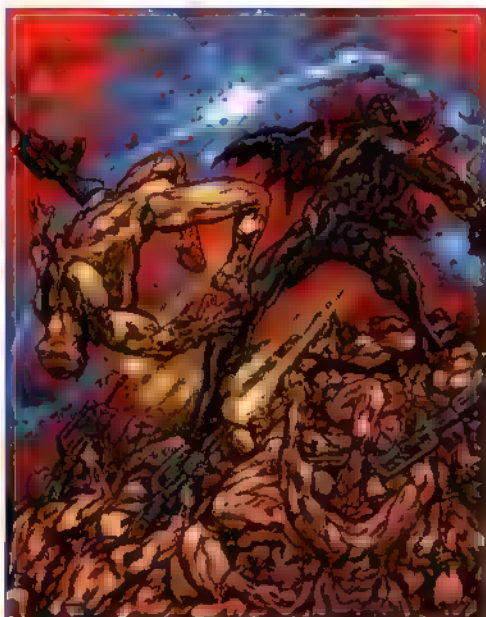
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All the pieces simultaneously start to fall together and crumble apart as Daredevil grapples with his sanity, old friends resurface, and a certain bad-die that we've all been waiting for returns! Broken by Baal, the Man Without Fear cannot figure out who to trust and seeks the aid of a woman of mystery from Matt Murdock's past. Meanwhile, Karen and Foggy endure the trials and loss associated with the infant's "curse," and Hell literally breaks loose in the Kitchen! Can DD pull it all together in time to save the woman he loves? Or will it take the hand of a certain Sorcerer Supreme (who happens to star in his own series this month) to douse the sinister flames licking at Matt's heels? Plus: guess who's back. We'll give you a hint. Starts with a "B" and ends with an eye! "Prediction: Massive potential, a guaranteed Top Ten hit." (COMICS INTERNATIONAL) (*Marvel Memo: Retailers, please consult the MARVEL KNIGHTS INCENTIVE PROGRAM in the Retailer Insert.*)

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- **THE SCOOP:** Tony Harris (STARMAN), the award-winning and fan favorite illustrator, takes on the book he was born to draw!
- **THE STORY:** When Doctor Strange finds himself one step behind a killer who masks his trail so well that even the Sorcerer Supreme can't catch him, will the Sorcerer Supreme finally discover that magic is for sissies? Plus, in an attempt to repair the damage done to his hands, Stephen Strange seeks out the healing touch of a brilliant young surgeon. However, due to the recent accidental death of one of his patients, the young doctor lacks the confidence to operate. Oh yeah, there's also a skinless ice cream vendor turned mystical bank robber, and a group of evil poetry spouting cherubs. Looks like the good Doctor is going to need a whole new bag of tricks!
- **THE CREATORS:** Tony Harris, joined by his writing partner Dan Jolley, writes and pencils this chilling tale of mystery and magic.
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Everything comes full circle as the terrifying truth of the Punisher's past is revealed, the final battle with Oliver is at hand and — before it's all over — Hell itself comes to Earth! Frank Castle finally knows the real story behind the events that led to his family's murder — and now he must pay the price for his years as the Punisher! Plus: special cameos by the two most powerful characters in the dark corners of the Marvel Universe! "The Punisher is an almost-archetypal figure of vengeance with tremendous appeal, which is why fans are going to see what the new series has to offer." (Comic Shop News) (Marvel Memo: Retailers, please consult the MARVEL KNIGHTS INCENTIVE PROGRAM in the Retailer Insert.)

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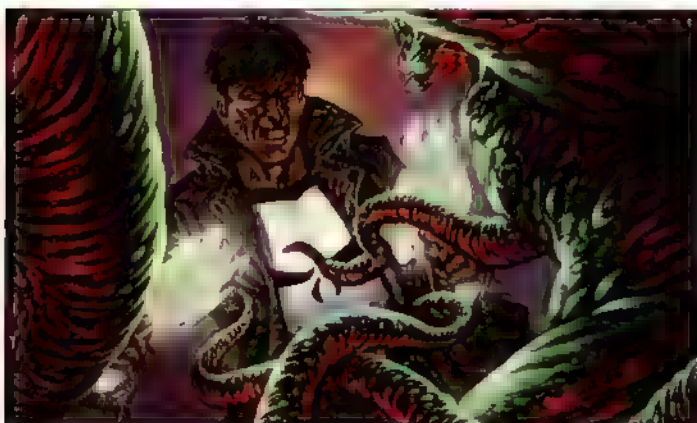
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PAUL JENKINS/JAE LEE

The first shot is fired in the war against Attilan! To humanity, the Inhumans' home is a mysterious place that seems too fantastic to be real, the fuel for campfire stories and modern-day myths. In this issue, we hear many different people's descriptions of Attilan. In displays of fear, awe, paranoia, reason and mistrust, we ask the question: "If these creatures are inhuman, are they more or less than human?" Plus: Maximus and Woz conspire with the outside world! "Jenkins' masterful words elucidate the meticulous pencils of Lee in an emotionally charged characterization of Black Bolt and his subjects, in a story that leaves readers clamoring for more. Highly recommended! A+" (COMICS BUYER'S GUIDE) (Marvel Memo: Retailers, please consult the MARVEL KNIGHTS INCENTIVE PROGRAM in the Retailer Insert.)

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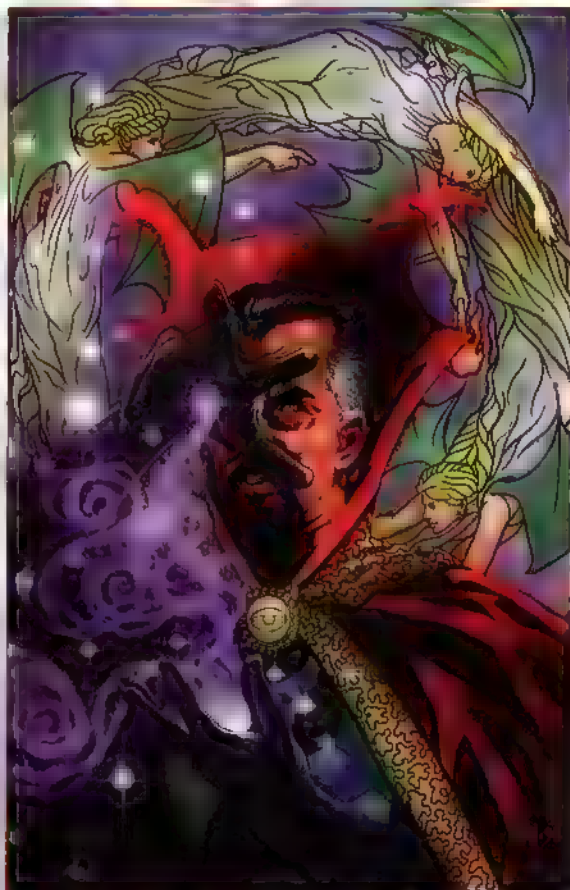
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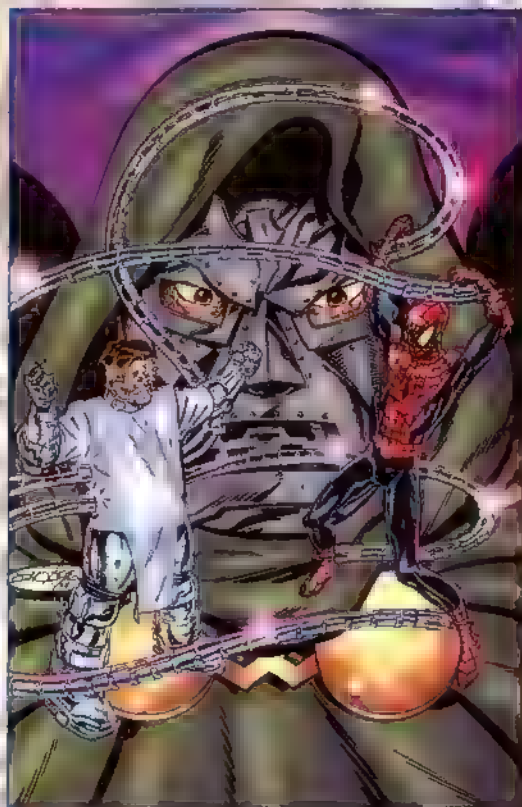
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**Making Housecalls
December 2nd**

Who is the new wall-crawler? Find out in **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #2!** Plus: don't miss the conclusion to the **THOR** crossover in **PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN #2!** All this, and variant covers by Billy Tucci, Arthur Suydam and Steve Rude!

ON SALE DECEMBER 2

SPIDER-MAN: CHAPTER 1 NO. 4 (OF 13)

JOHN BYRNE/JOHN BYRNE/JOHN BYRNE

It's double trouble as Dr. Octopus and Dr. Doom make a housecall from Hell with our web-spinning wonder! After a stunning defeat at the many hands of Otto Octavius, our reeling wall-crawler finds himself face-to-armored-face with the greatest menace in the whole blamed Marvel Universe: **Victor Von Doom!** If ever our brand spanking new **Spider-Man** was out-matched by a couple of baddies — this is it! And if you think Spidey has it tough now, just wait until you see what writer/penciler **John Byrne** puts him through!

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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN NO. 2(A)

COVER BY JOHN BYRNE

HOWARD MACKIE/JOHN BYRNE/DOUG HAZLEWOOD

Who is the spiderly person that has taken Peter Parker's place?! Find out in this issue! Plus: the introduction of the most outrageous new villain of the year: **Shadraq!** And wait'll you see what his power is! The new Spidey's webbed hands will be full when this baddie makes the scene. But when it appears that the novice wall-crawler is overwhelmed, will Peter make the momentous decision to get back in the game again?! "Big things are happening with everyone's favorite web-head these days. Any way ya wanna slice it, the buzz is back, the excitement is back, people are talking and Spidey's lookin' primed and ready to kick some butt." (WIZARD)

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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN NO. 2(B)

VARIANT COVER BY BILLY TUCCI

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MARVEL MASTERWORKS: SPIDER-MAN VOL. 1 HARDCOVER EDITION

STAN LEE/STEVE DITKO

Celebrating the Spider-Man relaunch, Marvel proudly presents **AMAZING FANTASY #15** and **SPIDER-MAN #1-10** in a beautiful, full-color deluxe hardcover edition! This 240-page volume reprints the very first appearance of the wondrous wall-crawler as well as classic adventures starring the **Fantastic Four**, **Doctor Octopus**, the **Sandman**, **Dr. Doom**, the **Chameleon**, the **Lizard** and many more! Exploding from the seemingly limitless imaginations of **Stan Lee** and **Steve Ditko**, these ground-breaking stories revolutionized comic books and are an integral addition to any reader's library!

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SPIDER-MAN: THE MANGA NO. 26

RYOICHI IKEGAMI

Yu Komori gave **Mitsuo Kitano** a blood transfusion, thinking it would save his life. But now Mitsuo has all of **Spider-Man's** powers — and has been driven insane!

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PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN NO. 2(A)

COVER BY JOHN ROMITA JR.

HOWARD MACKIE/JOHN ROMITA JR./SCOTT HANNA

• **THE SCOOP:** Thor and Spider-Man unite — illustrated by both heroes' primo penciler, John Romita Jr.!

• **THE STORY:** Picking up from the electrifying events in THOR #8, the Thunder God and the wall-crawler battle on against the mischievous though unbelievably powerful dark god called Tocketts! The terrible trickster is wrecking havoc in midtown New York City — and even the combined might of Thor and Spidey is unable to halt the destruction! But what is the imp's real agenda? And can science triumph where brute force and sorcery fail? Just wait until you see the most unexpected ending of the month!

• **THE CREATORS:** The conclusion to the most mind-blowing crossover event of 1998 is delivered in true Asgardian style by two "gods" of the industry, Howard Mackie and John Romita Jr.!

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PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN NO. 2(B)

VARIANT COVER BY ARTHUR SUYDAM

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• COVER TO PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN #2(A)

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WEBSPINNERS: TALES OF SPIDER-MAN NO. 2(A)

COVER BY MICHAEL ZULLI

J.M. DEMATTEIS/MICHAEL ZULLI & JOHN ROMITA SR.

J.M. DeMatteis and Michael Zulli continue their bizarre take on the early days of Spider-Man! J. Jonah Jameson has made life a living nightmare for the wall-walker, but now it seems ol' JJJ. is going to get a taste of his own medicine, because he's apparently dead — and in Hell! What is Hades like for Jonah? Well, would you believe — Spider-Satan?! But all the fun isn't in the Underworld. Just check out the trouble Mysterio makes for our harried hero in the sound stages of Silver Star Studios! And wait'll you feast your eyes on — the flying Sphinx! Plus: appearances by much-missed faces like Gwen Stacy!

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WEBSPINNERS: TALES OF SPIDER-MAN NO. 2(B)

VARIANT COVER BY STEVE RUDE

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SLINGERS NO. 3

JOSEPH HARRIS/CHRISCROSS/ROB STULL

Spider-Man gets ever closer to cornering his costumed copycats — which results in a hay-wire chase high above the streets of New York City! Meanwhile, believing his other recruits to be dead, the mentor of the Slingers reveals everything to Prodigy — including his origin, abilities and his scheme to have them immortalized!

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SPIDER-MAN: THE MANGA NO. 27

RYOICHI IKEGAMI

Yu still refuses to put on his Spider-Man costume, but with Mitsuo robbing companies with his powers, can he ignore the monster he's responsible for creating?!

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• COVER TO WEBSPINNERS. TALES OF SPIDER-MAN #2(A)

MARVEL HEROES



• COVER TO THOR #8



• COVER TO INCREDIBLE HULK #473

It's a full bag of presents as THOR #8 begins a two-part crossover with SPIDER-MAN, "Dead Reckoning" comes to a deadly end in DEAD-POOL #25, and we get a peek at the future in the EARTH X SKETCHBOOK!

ON SALE DECEMBER 2

CAPTAIN AMERICA: SENTINEL OF LIBERTY NO. 6

"TALES OF SUSPENSE" PART 2 OF 2

MARK WAID & ROGER STERN/RON GARNEY,
DOUG BRAITHWAITE & RON FRENZ/DAN GREEN,
ROBIN RIGGS & ROGER LANGRIDGE

It's a double-sized blowout with three — count them, three — exciting never-before-told tales of suspense from the pulse-pounding career of Captain America! First, the classic team of Mark Waid and Ron Garney unite for the last time to tell the story of Cap and Iron Man's first adventure together! Then, Waid joins forces with Dougie Braithwaite to conclude a heretofore never revealed story featuring the shield-slinger versus a deadly foe of Spider-Man! And if that weren't enough, we proudly present the first half of a two-part tale by Roger Stern and Ron Frenz starring the Revolutionary War-era Cap introduced by Jack Kirby in CAPTAIN AMERICA #194! And to top it all off, there's a fabulous feature on the true first appearance of the super soldier in the modern Marvel Universe — and here's some news: it didn't occur in AVENGERS #4!

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FANTASTIC FOUR NO. 14

CHRIS CLAREMONT/SALVADOR LARROCA

The Fantastic Four are transported to the moon in a life or death showdown with Ronan the Accuser! Can the FF stop Ronan from attaining his mysterious goal, or will his actions change the FF's lives forever?!

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THOR NO. 8

DAN JURGENS/JOHN ROMITA JR./KLAUS JANSON

• **THE SCOOP:** Kicking off a two-part crossover with PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN — drawn entirely by John Romita Jr.!

• **THE STORY:** The mysterious new pantheon that has taken over Asgard makes its first move on Earth — and on Thor! The web-slinging wonder gets sucked into the fray — but what chance does the wall-crawler have against gods?! Plus: the return of one of the missing Norse Gods! *Continued this month in PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN #2!*

• **THE CREATORS:** Part one of this event is written by Dan Jurgens, while the art team of John Romita Jr. and Klaus Janson handles the pretty pictures.

• **THE SCOOP:** "Easily the most convincing interpretation of the Thunder God since the Walt Simonson era, this marks a return to greatness." (COMICS INTERNATIONAL.)

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ALPHA FLIGHT NO. 19

"ALPHA: OMEGA" PART 2

STEVEN T. SEAGLE/DUNCAN ROULEAU/ROB HUNTER

Sasquatch, Shaman, Northstar, Aurora and ... Guardian?! The original Alpha Flight members are back — with a vengeance! Now it's the classic squad vs. the new team! 'Nuff said!

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AVENGERS FOREVER NO. 3 (OF 12)

CARDSTOCK COVER WITH ART BY
CARLOS PACHECO & GEORGE PEREZ

KURT BUSIEK/CARLOS PACHECO/JESUS MERINO

Showdown in Chronopolis! Why would two facets of the same being start a conflict that could destroy all of reality? In the heart of the extra-temporal empire, the Avengers uncover the secret behind the Kang/Immortus war! Who will the Avengers side with? The Earth's Mightiest Heroes must decide before all of existence itself is wiped out!

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IRON MAN NO. 13

KURT BUSIEK/SEAN CHEN/LARRY STUCKER

• **THE SCOOP:** Iron Man celebrates his first year back in the Marvel Universe with a double-sized extravaganza!

• **THE STORY:** Due to his recent injuries, Tony Stark checks himself into the Basel Stress Clinic — and delivers himself into the hands of the Controller! Battered and trapped without his armor, how can Tony possibly survive?!

• **THE CREATORS:** Delivered on a silver platter by the ongoing creative team of Kurt Busiek and Sean Chen.

• **THE FORMAT:** 48-pages.

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IRON MAN NO. 13

SIGNED BY PENCILER SEAN CHEN



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FANTASTIC FOUR &
FANTASTIC FOUR '98

KARL KESEL/STUART IMMONEN/CAM SMITH

• **THE SCOOP:** The Thing faces ... the *new* Fantastic Four?!

• **THE STORY:** When the Thing accidentally breaches a dimensional portal, he finds himself face-to-face with a new FF! In this alternate reality, the famous foursome really did hit the scene in 1961, and the world is a very different place. Spider-Man has disappeared and Captain America has perished in battle! Now only a select few heroes remain to protect the innocent and explore the unknown — chief among them, the second generation of the Fab Four! But what tragic conflict may tear apart the team — and how does it all hinge upon Ben Grimm?!

• **THE CREATORS:** Crafted with pride by the super team of Karl Kesel and Stuart Immonen.

• **THE FORMAT:** 48-page Annual.

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•ART FROM FANTASTIC FOUR & FANTASTIC FOUR '98



•COVER TO UNION JACK #3 (OF 3)



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MOON KNIGHT

NUMBERS 1-4



HIS STRANGEST CASE.
HIS GREATEST
ADVENTURE.

Doug Moench
Mark Texeira

Rising In December

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MOON KNIGHT NO. 1 (OF 4)

DOUG MOENCH/MARK TEXEIRA

- **THE SCOOP:** Death could not hold him! The night embraces him! Look out underworld, **Moon Knight** is back!
- **THE STORY:** It's a decidedly offbeat tale of macabre murder, catastrophic conspiracy, mind-boggling mystery and spine-chilling suspense! Moon Knight is pulled into an adventure that reunites him with an old flame — much to the chagrin of his current lady love, **Marlene** — and forces him to come to terms with his shadowed past! But **Marc Spector** also finds that he's been marked for death by a secret organization that seems to know his every move and has the most dangerous of assassins to get the job done! But what involvement could this group possibly have with Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, the mysterious crop circles in England, and the small grey extraterrestrials responsible for all those alien abductions?! If you loved the original Moench/Sienkiewicz **MOON KNIGHT**, if you're hooked on "The X-Files" and conspiracy theories, or if you just want to be blown away by a senses-shattering story and gorgeous artwork, look no further than **MOON KNIGHT**!
- **THE CREATORS:** Legendary Moon Knight creator **Doug Moench** (**BATMAN**, **BIG BOOK OF CONSPIRACIES**) returns to craft an adventure that takes MK into all-new territory and explores the darker corners of the world around us! He's joined by **Mark Texeira** (**BLACK PANTHER**), who captures all the mood and atmosphere that an epic like this requires!
- **THE FORMAT:** Four-issue weekly limited series.

7-59606-04740-6 00111 **2.99**

ON SALE DECEMBER 16

CAPTAIN AMERICA NO. 14

MARK WAID/DOUG BRAITHWAITE/MARK FARMER

Finally, after months of build-up, suspicion and intrigue — the **Red Skull** returns to the pages of **CAPTAIN AMERICA**! What's he been up to? Who is his mysterious partner whose identity we've only hinted at? Plus: a major step forward on the development of Cap's missing shield!

7-59606-04455-9-01411 **1.99**

THE INCREDIBLE HULK NO. 473

"THE GREAT ASTONISHMENT" PART 2 OF 3

JOE CASEY/JAVIER PULIDO/SEAN PARSONS

Continuing the three-part epic which will end Joe Casey and Javier Pulido's run with a big ol' bang! The Hulk and his old enemy, the **Xanterean**, must journey to the legendary homeworld of the Watchers. But what dangers and deadly secrets await them on this strange planet, and what the heck does it have to do with **General Ross's** quest for revenge back on Earth?!

7-59606-02456-8-47311 **1.99**

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MOON KNIGHT NO. 2 (OF 4)

DOUG MOENCH/MARK TEXEIRA

The high strangeness continues as **Moon Knight** is reunited with a woman from his past and faces a brutal death at the hands of one of the people closest to him in all the world! Answers begin to unravel and even more questions are raised as assassins close in on our hero to silence him forever!

7-59606-04740-6-00211 2.99

THUNDERBOLTS NO. 23

KURT BUSIEK/MARK BAGLEY/SCOTT HANNA

Who leaves the Thunderbolts? Who joins? Find out here as the U.S. Agent returns to take down the T-Bolts! In the aftermath of last month's clash with the Avengers, a Thunderbolt surrenders to the law to atone for his past misdeeds! But don't worry, the T-Bolt's new leader has a new candidate for membership — one that doesn't sit well with the rest of the team! Plus: appearances by the **Jury** and **Charcoal**, the **Burning Man**! And waiting in the shadows: the new **Citizen V**!

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UNION JACK NO. 3 (OF 3)

BEN RAAB & JOHN CASSADAY/JOHN CASSADAY

The blood-curdling series finale! The **Baroness'** monstrous minions have got the Grail, and it's up to **Union Jack** to stop them — if he can break free from the ghoulish grip of the all-new **Baron Blood**! Will these bloodsuckers sneak off with the greatest relic in history? And if so, what evil purpose will it serve? Find out here, O faithful one!

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DEADPOOL NO. 25

"DEAD RECKONING" PART 3 OF 3

JOE KELLY/WALTER MCDANIEL

• **THE SCOOP:** It's the double-sized, double-whammy, double-entendre-filled finale to "Dead Reckoning!"

• **THE STORY:** The brawl for it all erupts when **Deadpool** and the alien assassin **Tiamat** duke it out big time! And the winner gets to take on **Captain America**! Everything's in this one: the cosmic messiah! The absolute truth behind the Mithras Directive! The final fate of **Monty**, **Zoe** and **Dixon**! The destiny of humanity! And, above all else — the ultimate lesson for **Deadpool**!

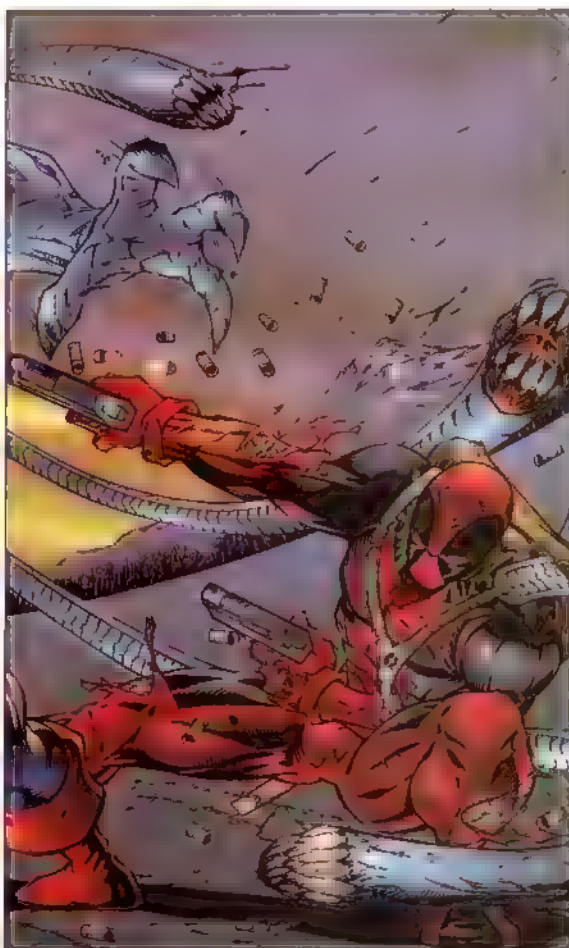
• **THE CREATORS:** Brought to you by **Joe Kelly** and **Walter McDaniel**.

• **THE FORMAT:** This 48-page humdinger features a wraparound cover by **Walter McDaniel**.

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• COVER TO THUNDERBOLTS #23



• COVER TO DEADPOOL #25

EARTH X SKETCHBOOK



On The *First* Day,
Alex Sketched.
And It Was *Good*.

New Art By Alex Ross,
John Paul Leon & Bill Reinhold
Text by Jim Krueger

Heralding The Future
December 30th

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DOCTOR WHO NO. 273

The official magazine celebrating the phenom that is **Doctor Who**!
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MOON KNIGHT NO. 3 (OF 4)

DOUG MOENCH/MARK TEXEIRA

As if being targeted for death wasn't enough for **Moon Knight**, he now realizes that he can't trust anyone anymore — not even his longtime lady love! What could possibly cause her to turn against him? And has Moon Knight's own home actually been invaded — by aliens?

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AVENGERS NO. 13

KURT BUSIEK/GEORGE PÉREZ/AL VEY

You asked for it, you got it: the return of the New Warriors! **Captain America** is missing! **Iron Man** is in the hospital! The **Avengers** are in need of a new leader — but who will it be? Meanwhile, **Justice** and **Firestar** jump into action with their former team, but when the action is over will they leave with them?!

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CONAN: THE SCARLET SWORD NO. 3 (OF 3)

ROY THOMAS/STEFANO RAFFAELE/RALPH CABRERA

Legendary Conan writer **Roy Thomas** presents the barbaric conclusion to the mighty Cimmerian's latest adventure!

7-59606-04704-8-00311 **2.99**

EARTH X SKETCHBOOK

CARDSTOCK COVER WITH PAINTED ART BY ALEX ROSS

• **THE SCOOP:** Get ready for **EARTH X** with this guidebook featuring 25 never-before-seen character sketches by **Alex Ross** — plus the entire contents of the **WIZARD** special!

• **THE CONTENTS:** You heard the rumors, now feast your eyes on the cool designs for **EARTH X**, the shocking limited series coming your way in January! These illustrations unveil the bizarre near-future versions of **Dr. Strange**, **Union Jack**, **Black Bolt**, the **Inhumans**, **Machine Man**, the **Hulk** and many more by the series' guiding force and cover artist, **Alex Ross**! Plus: accompanying text by series' writer **Jim Krueger** and never-before-seen designs by the series' art team of **John-Paul Leon** and **Bill Reinhold**! Plus: the entire contents of the **WIZARD** special!

• **THE FORMAT:** This 48-page sneak peek features a cardstock cover with new painted art by **Alex Ross**.

7-59606-04734-5-00111 **3.99**

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FANTASTIC FOUR: FIREWORKS NO. 2 (OF 3)

GERARD JONES/JEFF JOHNSON/MARK PENNINGTON

Continuing **Marvel Remix**, the adventures that take a fresh look at classic **Marvel moments!** The Human Torch and Crystal fell in love at first sight, but if the Fantastic Four and the Inhumans have their way, the star-crossed lovers will never see each other again! Can the two famous families put aside their differences to stop the mad Maximus from sealing Attilan in a deadly dome?

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MARVEL MAGAZINE NO. 9

You're holding it in your hands: the **House of Ideas'** official magazine delivering complete coverage of **March titles!** Featuring the most comprehensive listings for *all* products coming from Marvel, each 48-page issue of this monthly magazine features exclusive interviews with the industry's top creators, in-depth articles on upcoming high-profile projects, a pull-out poster, a complete checklist and more! Comics, t-shirts, statues — if it's from **Mighty Marvel**, it's in here!

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MOON KNIGHT NO. 4 (OF 4)

DOUG MOENCH/MARK TEXEIRA

The startling conclusion to the most offbeat saga of the year! How can aliens, the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot and secret CIA operations possibly all connect with each other? **Moon Knight** comes face-to-face with the evil force behind it all! But the lives of the people closest to our hero are in jeopardy and the villain holds all the cards!

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WARLOCK NO. 4 (OF 4)

TOM LYLE/TOM LYLE/ROBERT JONES

The mind-blowing cosmic conclusion! Without the aid of his allies, it's **Warlock vs. Syphonn** and his new friends, **Annihilus** and **Blastaar!** What's worse, Syphonn now has possession of Adam's soul gem, and his nefarious Conquerer Wheel portal is poised to open up and lay waste to our universe! Finally free of the curse of the Gem, will Warlock have to take it back to save the day? Don't miss this frenetic concluding chapter which sets up a bold new status quo for Warlock in the Marvel Universe!

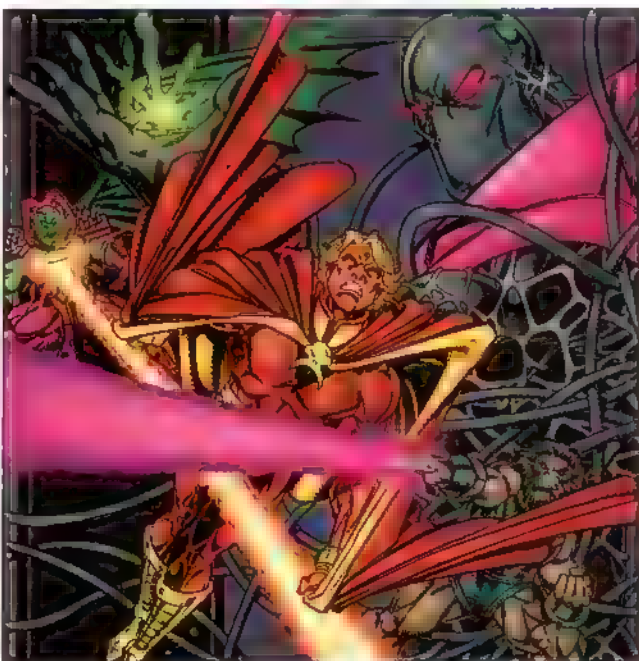
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•COVER TO AVENGERS #13



•COVER TO FANTASTIC FOUR FIREWORKS #2 (OF 3)



•COVER TO WARLOCK #4 (OF 4)

X-MEN

Gambit lucks out and leaps into his own ongoing series!

Generation X gets a new writer and a special one-shot for Christmas! Bishop returns in TEAM X 2000! Plus: the WOLVERINE WINTER SPECIAL prestige one-shot!



• COVER TO WOLVERINE WINTER SPECIAL



• COVER TO WOLVERINE #134

ON SALE DECEMBER 2

X-MEN NO. 84

"THE HUNT FOR XAVIER" THE CONCLUSION!

JOE KELLY/ADAM KUBERT

What is the terrible decision that Professor X must make to stop Cerebro?! The two teams of X-Men race to Cerebro Prime's base of operations as the sentient computer readies to launch global chaos! But how does the young Manite, Nina (last seen in ONSLAUGHT: EPILOGUE) play into Cerebro's plans? And before they have their final showdown, the Children of the Atom must blast their way through Cerebro's deadly units — and thanks to the Xavier Protocols, they're attuned to destroy each individual X-Man! (*Marvel Memo: Don't just read about your favorite heroes — be Gambit, Storm, Colossus and Rogue as the X-Men invade BATTLEBOOKS!*)

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UNCANNY X-MEN NO. 365

STEVE SEAGLE/CHRIS BACHALO/TIM TOWNSEND

Special heart-warming — and bone-chilling — holiday issue! At long last, Professor X returns home with Rogue, Gambit, Kitty, Storm, Nightcrawler, Marrow, Colossus and Wolverine! But who is the mysterious visitor — and which X-Man will be touched by his or her message? (*Marvel Memo: Don't just read about your favorite heroes — be Gambit, Storm, Colossus and Rogue as the X-Men invade BATTLEBOOKS!*)

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WOLVERINE WINTER SPECIAL

PAINTED COVER BY MAX FREZZATO

MARK WAID, LOVERN KINDERSKI & MARC ANDREYKO/

CLAUDIO CASTELLINI, DOUG WHEATLY & MAX FREZZATO

Take a lush look at Wolverine in this upscale, black-and-white one-shot! First, Logan and his buds (Captain America, Nick Fury, the Thing and She-Hulk) are having a good ol' poker game — until they run out of suds, that is. Wolverine volunteers to replenish supplies, but thanks to his "luck," a simple beer run soon turns into confrontations with the Hand, a dragon and a certain pesky flying car! Next up is a tale from Logan's days as Patch. And our trio of tales is completed by a World War II adventure starring Wolverine's pals Captain America and Nick Fury — by Mark Waid and Claudio Castellini! Plus: pin-ups by Bart Sears, Richard Bennett, Brandon Peterson and more!

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CABLE NO. 64

JOE CASEY/LADRONN/JUAN VLASCO

A special X-Mas gift to X-Men fans everywhere: the first-ever chronological telling of Cable's origin — and a glimpse of things to come! It's the holiday season, a time of rebirth, but as many others celebrate good tidings, the dark clouds of conflict cast shadows on Cable's future — as Ozymandias arrives to enunciate the Prophecy of the Twelve and the terrible trials the Chosen One will undergo in the next year! And so, before the end times are upon him, Irene Merryweather uncovers previously unknown details about the life and origin of the Askani'son! Big things are coming Cable's way in 1999, and this is the issue that sets the stage!

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X-MEN: THE MANGA NO. 21

YUKIKAZE AMAGI

As the X-Men battle the Four Horsemen, Rogue confronts Apocalypse — alone! But when the dust from the battle royal settles, will Warren Worthington remain the blue-skinned Archangel of Death?!

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DN SALE DECEMBER 2

GENERATION X NO. 48

JAY FAERBER/TERRY DODSON/RACHELLE DODSON

• **THE SCOOP:** Jubilee vs. M — is the team exploding at the seams?! Find out in this jump-on issue as new ongoing writer Jay Faerber leads the next generation of X-Men into their blowout 50th issue!

• **THE STORY:** Now that they've got their very own Danger Room, the kids of Generation X are due for some serious schooling! But their war games explode into chaos when M, recently freed from her "captivity," gets into a argument with Jubilee — and things get physical! Does Jubilee even stand a chance against the super-strong — and very angry — Monet?! Plus: Husk returns to the Academy just in time for the White Queen to suffer a loss that could affect the entire team!

• **THE CREATORS:** The writer's new to the scene, but the awesome art team of Terry and Rachel Dodson are here to stay!

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MUTANT X NO. 5

HOWARD MACKIE/CARY NORD/ANDREW PEPOY

Although Havok has already seen first hand the danger that Marvel Woman presents to the Six, it is the Brute who knows just how deadly she's really become! And when he witnesses Madelyne and the Fallen conspiring to commit murder, he's torn between his loyalty to Maddie and his fear of Warren! Will his silence lead to the death of an innocent man and the further corruption of the team?!

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WOLVERINE NO. 134

ERIK LARSEN/JEFF MATSUDA/JON SIBAL

The all-new, all-wacked-out creative team of Erik Larsen (THE SAVAGE DRAGON) and Jeff Matsuda (X-FACTOR) throws Wolverine into a battle royal with the heroes of New York City! Logan's been possessed by an alien fugitive — and she's determined to test just how good he is at what he does! The biggest problem with that? He's going to have to go through most of the Big Apple's heroes — and punches are not going to be pulled! On the fight card: the Human Torch, Warbird, Elektra, Moon Knight, Justice, Black Cat, Falcon, Firebird, U.S. Agent, Black Widow and the Vision! And best of all, the action continues in just two short weeks!

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• ART FROM TEAM X 2000



• COVER TO WOLVERINE NOT DEAD YET

GENERATION X HOLIDAY SPECIAL



IS SANTA A Mutant?

Joseph Harris • Adam Pollina

Coming Down The Chimney
December 16th

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GENERATION X HOLIDAY SPECIAL

JOSEPH HARRIS/ADAM POLLINA

- **THE SCOOP:** It's a Gen X X-Mas!
- **THE STORY:** Sleigh bells turn into slay bells when the kids of **Generation X** interrupt Nanny and the **Orphan-Maker's** plans to abduct a mutant boy from his home! But things get even more complicated when a certain jolly old fat man in a red suit arrives on the scene! Is he truly who he claims to be? And if not, whose side is he really on? Jubilee and the crew had better make up their minds — and fast — before their holiday celebration turns deadly!
- **THE CREATORS:** Written by X-MEN: LIBERATORS' Joseph Harris with art by Adam Pollina (X-FORCE).
- **THE FORMAT:** 48-page one-shot.

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3.50

MARVEL COLLECTIBLE CLASSICS: X-MEN NO. 1 (VOL. 2)

WRAPAROUND CHROMIUM COVER BY
HUMBERTO RAMOS & JIMMY PALMIOTTI

Rogue, Storm, Cyclops, Beast, Archangel, Iceman, Psylocke, Wolverine, Colossus, Gambit and Jean Grey square off against Magneto — with gorgeous art by Jim Lee! This volume reprints X-MEN #1 (Vol. 2) with an all-new wraparound chromium cover by Humberto Ramos and Jimmy Palmiotti!

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TEAM X 2000

SEAN RUFFNER/KEVIN LAU/CABIN BOY

- **THE SCOOP:** X-Men meets *Star Wars* as Bishop returns to fight for a galaxy's freedom!
- **THE STORY:** The time-tossed warrior known as Bishop and the interstellar assassin named Deathbird trek through space — only to find themselves transported to an Earth gone horribly wrong! The rulers of this strange land? The Shi'Ar — and their leader is a young Empress who bears a mysterious resemblance to Professor Charles Xavier! Now Bishop must lead a squad of surviving X-Men turned Morlocks against the oppressive Avians if he has any hope of making it back home alive!
- **THE CREATORS:** This sci-fi shoot-'em-up is brought to you by the team of Sean Ruffner (PHANTOM GUARD), Kevin Lau (X-FORCE) and Cabin Boy (GENERATION X).
- **THE FORMAT:** This giant-size one-shot features 48-pages with no ads.

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WOLVERINE: NOT DEAD YET TRADE PAPERBACK

NEW COVER BY LIENEL FRANCIS YU & EDGAR TADEO
WARREN ELLIS/LIENEL FRANCIS YU/EDGAR TADEO

Collecting the action-packed thriller by the killer creative team of Warren Ellis and Lienel Yu! The hard-drinking, Scottish assassin known as McLeish has returned — even though Wolverine killed him years ago! If the X-Man killed him and he didn't stay dead, what's going to stop him now?! This 96-page volume collects WOLVERINE #119-122

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X-MAN NO. 48

MARK BERNARDO/LUKE ROSS/BUD LAROSA

Nate comes face-to-face with the cost of his former celebrity status when a suicidally-depressed girl asks him to cure her mental disorder — but Nate doesn't have that power anymore! And the bigger trouble arrives when Nate is attacked by the Crusader, who considers Nate's days as a "faith healer" an affront against all that is holy! With his own powers reduced, how can Nate stand against a foe who once nearly killed the mighty Thor?!

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ON SALE DECEMBER 16

X-MEN NO. 85

JOE KELLY/ALAN DAVIS/MARK FARMER

- **THE SCOOP:** Magneto is here — and so is Alan Davis!
- **THE STORY:** As "The Hunt For Xavier" concludes, a new saga begins here! Ever since UNCANNY X-MEN #350, you've wondered, speculated and argued — and now, the man known as Magneto makes his triumphant return! Where has he been? What does he want with Joseph? And what is his harrowing vision of the planet's future?
- **THE CREATORS:** Hot off the heels of JLA: THE NAIL, legendary artist Alan Davis jumps onboard for a nail-biting six-issue run!
- **MARVEL MEMO:** Don't just read about your favorite heroes — be Gambit, Storm, Colossus and Rogue as the X-Men invade BATTLEBOOKS!

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SIGNED BY ALAN DAVIS & MARK FARMER



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GAMBIT NO. 1

FABIAN NICIEZA/STEVE SKROCE

- **THE SCOOP:** At long last — after overwhelming demand — the most mysterious X-Man of them all stars in his very own monthly mag!
- **THE STORY:** He's back with the X-Men, but all is not right with Remy LeBeau. Gambit managed to survive the harsh environment of the Antarctic, but how? What is the price of his salvation — and how might it keep him forever separated from Rogue? Can he ever be truly accepted by his teammates again? In this giant-sized debut issue, witness Gambit's origin, including never-before-revealed facts! Plus: new mysteries! New characters! And a slam-bang showdown between Gambit and the X-Cutioner!
- **THE CREATORS:** Fabian Nicieza and Steve Skroce are back!
- **THE FORMAT:** This 48-page issue hits the stands with five — count them, five — variant covers. Each cover will be distributed evenly.
- **MARVEL MEMO:** Don't just read about Gambit — be Gambit with BATTLEBOOKS! GAMBIT, ROGUE, STORM and COLOSSUS debut this month!

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GAMBIT NO. 1

SIGNED BY FABIAN NICIEZA & STEVE SKROCE



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To commemorate the launch of GAMBIT #1, Steve Skroce will create original sketches on 700 covers of the MARVEL AUTHENTIX HAND DRAWN SKETCH COVER EDITION of GAMBIT #1! In addition to being hand numbered, these original pieces of art will be personally autographed by Steve Skroce. Each book will be bagged and boarded, and will come with a certificate of authenticity. But because quantities are severely limited, Marvel will be using a lottery allocation program to distribute this book. The first 700 retail orders randomly selected will be awarded the "hand drawn sketch" covers no later than 1/27/99. Because quantities are limited, customers cannot preorder this item with their retailer.

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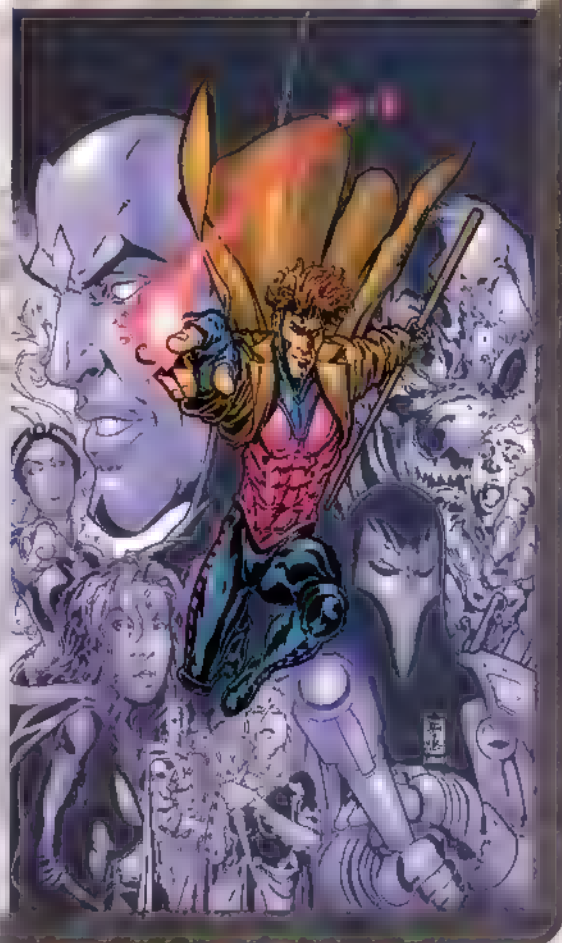
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Get primed for GAMBIT #1 with this 96-page collection of the adventures integral to the story of the ragin' Cajun — including his savage throw-down with Sabretooth and the beginning of his red-hot affair with Rogue!

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YOUR HEART...
THEN ROB
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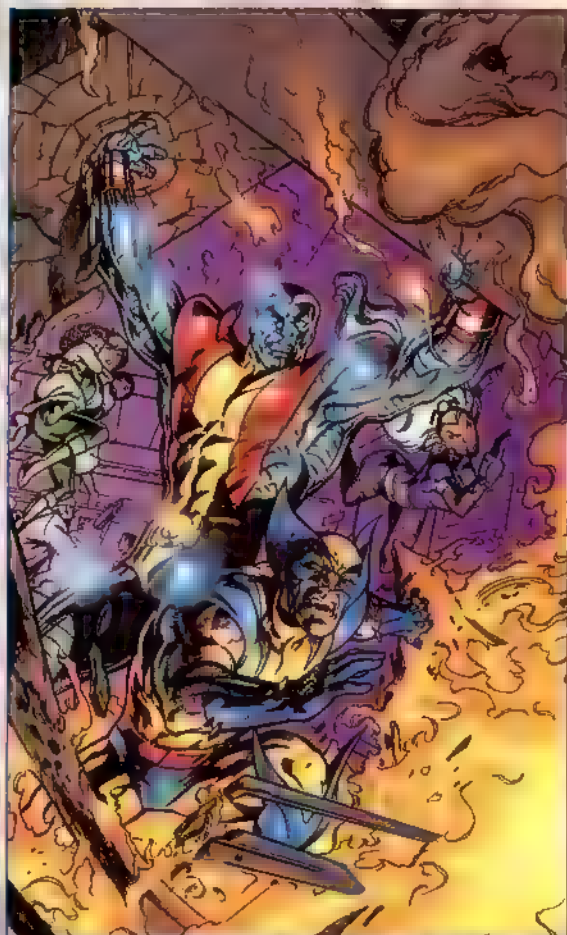
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December 23rd

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X-MEN

NO. 85



THE RETURN OF MAGNETO!

THE ARRIVAL OF ALAN DAVIS!

Joe Kelly • Alan Davis • Mark Farmer

FLYING INTO HANDS
DECEMBER 16th

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WOLVERINE NO. 135

ERIK LARSEN/JEFF MATSUDA/JON SIBAL

Continuing Logan's mind-blowing romp through the outer reaches of the Marvel Universe! Convinced to travel to a prison planet in deep space, Wolverine joins the Starjammers and the alien woman known as Aria in a desperate attempt to liberate the thousands of beings held captive on the hellish surface! But they didn't count on Urok, Torgo and the Space Parasite!

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YUKIKAZE AMAGI

In 2055, the mutant-killing Sentinels hunt older versions of Wolverine and Forge — and the man known only as Bishop! Ripped back through time, can Bishop save the future by changing the past?!

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Will Wolverine finally get his adamantium back? Who are "The Twelve"? What will be the final outcome of the Legacy Virus? What horrific plan will Apocalypse unfold at the end of the millennium — and how can the X-Men stop it? The "X" franchise is constantly on the move forward, and we're on the eve of a whole new year of X-citement! Now, in one all-encompassing, 32-page X travaganza, relive the X-plots of the past year, dive into crucial background history and take a look toward the future with an advance sneak preview of upcoming storylines and new character designs. Featuring all-new art by Adam Kubert, Leinil Yu, Jimmy Cheung, Ladronn, Terry Dodson and Brandon Peterson!

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JOHN FRANCIS MOORE/JIM CHEUNG/MARK MORALES

The all-new Hellions vs. X-Force! Familiar faces return to cause some serious damage as not all the members of the team escape this battle unscathed!

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X-MEN: LIBERATORS NO. 4 (OF 4)

JOSEPH HARRIS/PHIL JIMENEZ/KEITH AIKEN

The cataclysmic conclusion! A weakened Wolverine, a fugitive Colossus, and a desperate Nightcrawler make a last ditch effort to free the captive mutant children from the Soviet "detainment center," Province 13. But Omega Red stands in their way — giving the corrupt General Sergei time enough to carry out his malicious master plan!

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COVER BY BILLY TUCCI

He's returned to the X-Men; now the armored warrior steps into the ultimate arena! BATTLEBOOKS: COLOSSUS features 24 pages of full-color action shots by Nelson.

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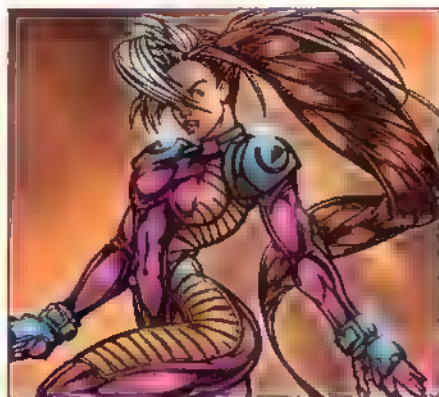
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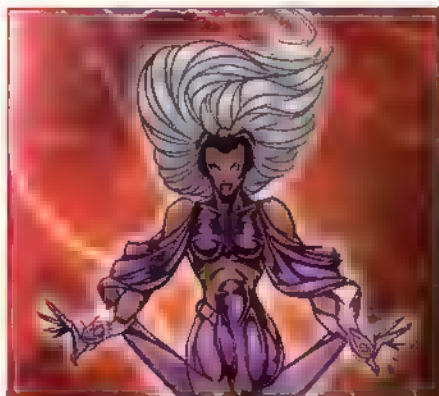
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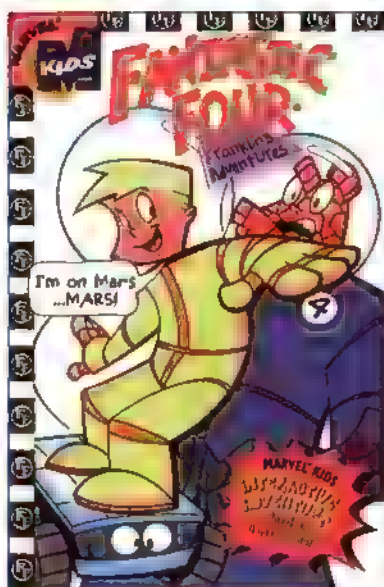
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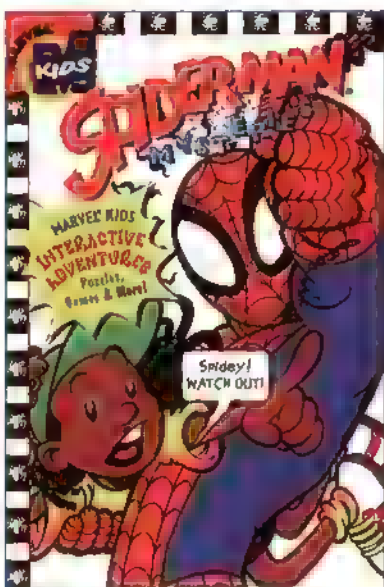
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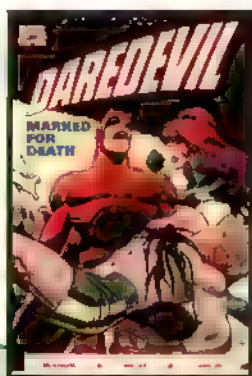
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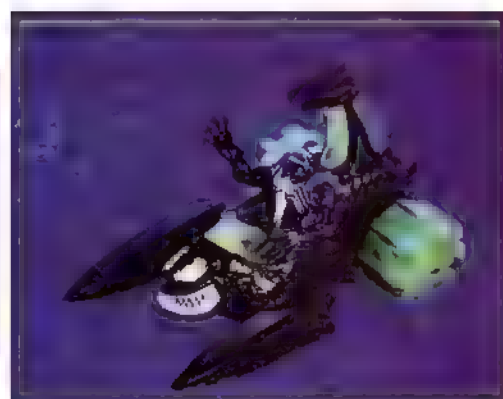
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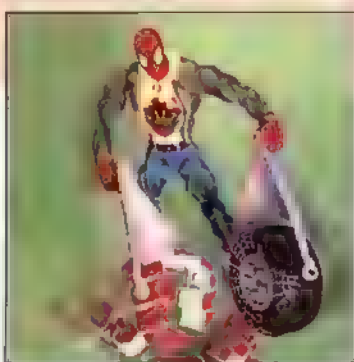
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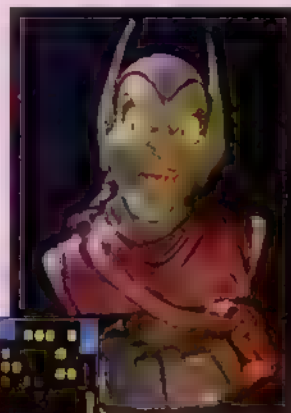
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